GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:109
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2016
Ancient Worship Places
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified ancient places of worships in the country and if so, the location-wise details of such places in the country;

(b) whether the ancient places of worships located in different parts of the country have not been covered under the protected list of the Archaeological Survey of India, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to renovate such ancient sites and temples and declared them as places of tourist interest and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the details of funds sanctioned and utilized for the renovation and restoration of identified ancient temples and sites in the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)to(d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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(a) Archaeological Survey of India identifies new places/sites including monuments (religious, non-religious and others) through various means such as village to village survey through its field offices. In this process in the year 2015-16 in all 1820 villages were surveyed out of which 822 have revealed remains of archaeological significance including 386 places of worship. A State-wise abstract indicating places of worship is at Annexure− I.

(b) Our country has in-numerable number of places of worship all over the country, out of which a few of them have been declared protected. Archaeological Survey of India protects only such monuments which meet the criteria specified under Section 2 of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(c) In addition to conservation of protected monuments, Archaeological Survey of India takes up conservation of religious places, not protected by Archaeological Survey of India, as a Special work. Most of the religious places are visited by large number of devotees, scholars besides enthusiast and as such they are places of tourist interest as well. However, there is no provision to declare such places as of tourist interest under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(d) The expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and restoration of centrally protected monuments (including temples and sites) during the last three years and provisions made for this year is at Annexure −II. Further, expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and restoration of non-protected monuments/religious places is at Annexure-III.

ANNEXURE −I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.109 FOR 25.7.2016

STATEMENT SHOWING PLACES SURVEYED BY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA AND NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS PLACES IDENTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 2015-16

Sl.
No. State Total villages surveyed Number of villages yielding antiquarian remains Number of religious places identified
1. Bihar 60 3 00
2. Chhattisgarh 67 10 03
3. Goa 50 50 12
4. Gujarat 83 54 33
5. Himachal Pradesh 237 85 61
6. Jharkhand 98 71 25

7. Karnataka 237 226 169
8. Maharashtra 116 58 23
9. Madhya Pradesh 142 106 13
10. Odisha 29 12 14
11. Punjab 207 21 01
12. Rajasthan 04 04 00
13. Tamil Nadu 218 82 27
14. Uttar Pradesh 155 72 00
15. Uttarakhand 189 10 05
TOTAL 1820 822 386

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.109 FOR 25.07.2016
STATE/UT-WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS ALLOCATED AND UTILISED FOR CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS UNDER ASI
(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)
Sl. No. Name of State/UT Number of protected monuments Circle / Branch 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17
1. Uttar Pradesh 743 Agra Circle 957.97 1404.99 1270.00 1060.00
Lucknow Circle 944.99 1165.00 945.08 925.00
Sarnath Circle --- 534.99 495.00 500.00
2. Maharashtra 285 Aurangabad Circle 493.00 695.00 629.05 500.00
Mumbai Circle 415.00 645.00 902.82 725.00
Nagpur Circle --- 444.98 845.00 610.00
3. Karnataka 506 Bangalore Circle 1253.00 1515.99 1427.02 1125.00
Mini Circle Hampi -- 90.00 401.24 575.00
Dharwad Circle 993.79 713.94 716.42 675.00
4. Madhya Pradesh 292 Bhopal Circle 716.99 956.99 1261.01 925.0
5. Odisha 79 Bhubaneswar Circle 280.00 596.99 679.52 605.00
6. West Bengal, 136 Kolkata Circle 448.18 549.63 537.95 550.00
Sikkim 03
7. Tamil Nadu, 413 Chennai Circle 845.00 1070.01 919.10 775.00
Puducherry (UT) 07
8. Punjab 33 Chandigarh Circle 795.92 875.85 634.98 555.00
Haryana 91
9. Himachal Pradesh 40 Shimla Circle 155.86 315.00 300.00 275.00
10. Delhi 174 Delhi Circle 1300.19 1499.75 1176.73 750.00
Delhi Mini Circle - - - 375.00
11. Goa 21 Goa Circle 144.50 397.36 240.99 300.00
12. Assam 55 Guwahati Circle 174.94 292.56 395.07 260.00
Manipur 01
Meghalaya 08 Aizwal Circle, Mijoram 125.00
Mizoram 01
Nagaland 04
Tripura 08
Arunchal Pradesh 03
13. Rajasthan 162 Jaipur Circle 521.48 610.00 512.98 485.00
Jodhpur Circle --- 569.96 729.29 615.00
14. Andhra Pradesh 129 Hyderabad Circle 1068.43 998.32 776.61 675.00
Telangana 08
15. Bihar 70 Patna Circle 263.00 414.99 374.99 375.00
16. Jammu & Kashmir 56 Srinagar Circle 260.00 443.00 135.07 275.00
13 Mini Circle Leh 116.83 141.98 131.50 130.00
17. Kerala 28 Thrissur Circle 455.00 647.19 659.99 585.00
18. Gujarat 203 Vadodara Circle 655.00 847.99 1123.07 1025.00
Daman & Diu(UT) 12
19. Uttarakhand 42 Dehradun Circle 210.49 264.99 215.00 145.00
20. Chhattisgarh 47 Raipur Circle 468.40 587.89 670.33 560.00
21. Jharkhand 13 Ranchi Circle 69.00 115.98 147.61 135.00

Chemical Preservation
(All India) 510.85 787.65 729.60 985.00
Horticultural Activity (All India) 2446.05 3357.98 3878.22 3405.00
Reserve 880.00
Total 3686 16963.86 23551.95 23861.24 22465.00

ANNEXURE-III

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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EXPENDITURE ON UNPROTECTED MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS (RUPEES IN LAKHS)

Sl.No.	Name of Monument	Expenditure		
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1,	Shree Kedarnath Temple (Uttarakhand)	102.47	58.10	54.74
2.	Koodalmanickam Temple, Irinjalkkuda, (Kerala)	114.98	-	-
3.	Jama Masjid, Delhi	-	-	2.52
4.	Rachol Seminary, The Roman Archidiocese of Goa (Goa)	-	-	37.33
5.	Fatehpuri Masjid, Delhi	138.59	2.50	-
6.	Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya (Bihar)	-	19.15	-